



Solent

We Offer:

- Talks, presentations, and social events in the winter months
- Meets and Rallies in the summer
- Newsletters
- Shared experience
- Section pages on the CA Website
- Honorary Local Representatives (HLRs)
- Discounts from local chandlers

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Welcome to the Solent Section

The Solent Section is active and friendly, with a series of summer meets or rallies and a winter programme of nautical talks, pub nights, themed events and other social activities. Members include those who live around the Solent area as well as those who may live a distance away but keep their boats in the Solent or those who spend the winter only in the UK sailing their boats in European or international waters during the season.



The Solent Area

The Solent is a unique local cruising area enjoyed by yachting and boating people for generations. There is a wide diversity of creeks and harbours suitable for deep or shoal draft craft for people to experience and explore. It is easy to find quiet beauty spots or busy commercial centres bustling with life. Excellent sailing can be enjoyed weekends and during the week, even at high season and especially out of season too.

With weather patterns in the UK being increasingly unpredictable, one of the joys of sailing this area is the short hops between harbours and the many safe anchorages which can be found.

Being Part of Our Section

The Section has seasonal newsletters along with news items which are published in the quarterly CA magazine, *Cruising*. The Section news and programme are also published on the CA website, all of which help keep Section members up to date with what is going on. We welcome new members and encourage them to volunteer to help with the running of the Section such as writing-up an event for the magazine or organising one. There are many other opportunities to be involved that help new members get to know other members and give something back to the CA.

Join Us!

Be part of our cruising community ashore and afloat.

Join as many CA Sections as you wish. Section membership is FREE to subscribed members. To find out more about our other Sections, visit www.theca.org.uk/sections alternatively contact us on the details provided

Where we meet

Summer events take place in the many ports and harbours of the Solent usually include a Safari supper in Cowes and a pot luck supper at Lymington. In winter we also visit nearby yacht clubs or hostels for evening meals and a talk, and visits to places of interest. Occasionally we run events further afield.

Forthcoming events 2025

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September - Rendezvous and pot luck supper at Lymington

The Pot luck supper is an extravaganza of main courses and desserts made by members and shared with everyone. Please bring either main or dessert to cater for approximately 6 people. Thinking caps at the ready...and bring your much loved dish.

Friday 3rd October - Long boat trip to Little Venice in West London

On this trip, departing from the London Canal Museum you'll pass through St. Pancras, Camden Locks, Regent's Park, and the shorter Maida Hill Tunnel. Phil volunteers for the museum and has often skippered along these canals. There's plenty of opportunities to steer and operate locks. The journey takes about two hours each way. Let's make the day even more special with a luxury picnic lunch to share with friends.

Wednesday 8th October - Visit to Doyle Sails, Doyle's sailloft, Woolston, Southampton

Friday 17th October - Club supper and talk at Hornet Sailing Services Club

This talk focuses on Haslar Creek and the evolution of maritime technology and growth of offshore sailing including why Hornet was so relevant to this.

Thursday 20th November - Beaujolais Nouveau evening at Royal Airforce Yacht Club

The 3rd Thursday in November is one of the most exciting dates in the wine calendar, it's Beaujolais Nouveau day! We'll start with the Beaujolais Nouveau and there'll be more matured wines available from the bar. Enjoy cheese and hams, charcuterie style for a very French evening, enter into the spirit dressing French style! There'll be prize for the best outfit - ooh la la!

New! Zoom talks

We are beginning to arrange winter talks on Zoom for 2025 to reach a wider audience in our Section. We would like to aim for three Zoom talks, in Autumn and Spring of 45-minutes each with question time afterwards. Presentations on a nautical theme that would interest our cruising section members and guests are very welcome from members. If you are interested, or know of anyone that would be, please email Sue and Phil at solent@theca.org.uk

Please check the CA website for further details

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